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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

September 11, 2000

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert - This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/01607 which has an International filing date of March 11, 1999, which designated the United States of America.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claim 1 and substitute therefore the following new claim:

39. A sample support, comprising

at least one sample receiving chamber for a sample liquid,
a distributor channel for sample liquid, connected to said